

Attn : Assistant Director for Special Operations
Assistant Director for Communications

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Radio Apparatus

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Ref : Memorandum dated 23 June 1952 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; subject, activities in the United States

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1. The memorandum of reference mentions a radio device, reportedly used to monitor privately-owned radios, to determine if any are listening to the broadcasts of the Voice of America.

2. Such a radio device is feasible; and in all probability, this device would be highly sensitive radio direction finding equipment that would "home" on the oscillator radiation of the citizen's radio receiver.

3. It is also probable that this DF equipment would be mobile-operated, since the signals to be detected are relatively weak and the range of detection very low. This fact would limit the usefulness of such a device and would make wide-scale monitoring impractical.

4. In addition, it would be necessary to know the model of the radio receiver under observation to finally conclude that it was tuned to a particular frequency.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS:

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